

DIVISION OF MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION SERVICES

Notice of Availability of Funds

Contract Funds for Drug Court: Long-term and Halfway House Substance Abuse Treatment Services

Take notice that, in compliance with N.J.S.A. 52:14-34.4 and 34.6, the Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS) hereby announces the availability of the following program funds:

Name of program: Drug Court Long-term and Halfway House Substance Abuse Treatment Services

Purpose: DMHAS is soliciting proposals to provide long-term and halfway house addiction treatment services for Drug Court participants. The total state allocation for the treatment services in Drug Court are approximately \$26,508,000. This RFP is for 50 long-term residential and 202 halfway beds for approximately \$1,217,650 in slotted long-term residential treatment services and approximately \$4,119,790 in slotted halfway house treatment services with the remaining balance being available for treatment services through the Drug Court Fee-For-Service (FFS) network.

This opportunity is open to all residential and halfway house facilities licensed to provide substance abuse treatment services. Agencies proposing to provide the same level of care but at multiple DMHAS licensed sites may submit one proposal which identifies the number of slotted services requested per licensed site.

The changes in services delivery contained in the RFP represent the priorities of the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC), DMHAS and the committee of Drug Court Coordinators. These priorities are based on:

- Data that identified areas of current underutilization of services.
- Identified gaps in the current Drug Court treatment capacity.
- Ongoing commitment to the use of performance incentives to support client early retention in treatment.

As was the case previously, through adoption of the new 2008 sentencing guidelines, the treatment component requirements of Drug Court have moved away from pre-set lengths of stay to a clinically driven movement through services, in order to provide clients with services that match their level of severity, and offer clients the appropriate dose and duration of treatment based on their clinical needs. This approach also has the potential to make the most effective use of the existing treatment capacity and of available financial resources.

Agencies will be reimbursed for treatment at the current Drug Court rates effective November 1, 2012. Co-occurring disorder enhancements are a FFS enhancement to the existing slotted rate and reimbursable only to those agencies who apply for and are accepted into the co-occurring and Drug Court networks. Enhanced services will include the full array of co-occurring services, transportation, case management, court liaison services, physical exams and labs, and urine drug screenings, and medication. Authorization for service provision will be based on assessments and recommendations made by appropriately credentialed clinicians and individual treatment planning.

Providers must meet staffing requirements as per licensure regulations NJAC 10:161A-10.0 to provide services.

Amount of funding available: It is anticipated that approximately \$5,337,440 will be available for the following substance abuse treatment services:

- 1) Approximately fifty (50) long-term residential beds for men and women at the annual rate of \$24,353.00 per bed.
- 2) Approximately two hundred and two (202) halfway house beds for men and women at the annual rate of \$20,395.00.

All application and expenditure data pertaining to these contract funds must be independent of any other DMHAS or non-DMHAS funded program of the applicant/contractee. Contracts awarded through this RFP will be budgeted separately from other existing components for contract application and reporting. Cost sharing is not required. Actual funding levels will depend upon the availability of funds. These contracts will be annually renewable each year for two years. Annual continuation and renewal are subject to availability of funds, satisfactory performance, as well as compliance and completion of all required and requested reports. The contract may be extended for one (1) additional period of up to one (1) year, by mutual written consent of the contractee and the Assistant Commissioner at the same terms, conditions, and pricing.

Organizations that may apply: The following eligibility criteria shall apply.

1. Applicants may apply for any of the available contracts and eligibility is limited to either public or private non-profit organizations licensed by DMHAS to provide substance abuse treatment in the modality for which they are applying.
2. Non-public applicants must demonstrate that they are incorporated through the New Jersey Department of State, and provide documentation of their current non-profit status. Applicants must not be suspended or debarred by DMHAS or any other State or Federal entity from receiving funds.
3. All New Jersey and out of State Corporations must obtain a Business Registration Certificate (BRC) from the Department of the Treasury, Division of Revenue prior to conducting business in the State of New Jersey. Proof of valid business registration with the Division of Revenue, Department of the Treasury, State of New Jersey, shall be submitted by the bidder and, if applicable, by every subcontractor of the bidder, with the bidder's bid. No contract will be awarded without proof of business registration with the Division of Revenue. Any questions in this regard can be directed to the Division of Revenue at (609) 292-1730. Form NJ-REG. can be filed online at www.state.nj.us/njbgs/services.html
4. Before performing work under the contract, all sub-contractors of the contractor must provide to the contractor proof of New Jersey business registration. The contractor shall forward the business registration documents on to the using agency.
5. Applicants must not be suspended or debarred by DMHAS or any other State or Federal entity from receiving funds.

6. Applicants must have all outstanding Plans of Correction (PoC) for deficiencies submitted to DMHAS prior to submission of a proposal in response to this RFP.
7. Applicants must agree to additional Drug Court Initiative specific requirements which are outlined in the Annex A that will be disseminated at the Mandatory Bidders' Conference.
8. Applicants must have a governing body that provides oversight as is legally permitted. No member of the Board of Directors can be employed by and serve as a consultant for the successful applicant.

NOTE: If, at the time of receipt of the proposal, the applicant does not comply with this standard, the applicant must submit evidence that it has begun to modify its structure and that the requirement will be met by the time the contract is executed. *If this required organizational structure is not in place before the start date, the contract will not be executed and the funding will be waived.*

9. Applicants must also attend the Mandatory Bidders' Conference at 1:00 P.M. on July 24, 2012 at DHS located at 222 South Warren Street in Trenton.

Qualifications needed by an applicant to be considered: This opportunity is open to all residential and halfway house facilities licensed to provide substance abuse treatment services. Any agency holding both a FFS Drug Court contract and a slot based Drug Court contract must ensure that they have sufficient capacity in their agency both in terms of licensed beds and adherence to staff client ratio regulatory

requirements. In addition, Drug Court clients must first be placed in contracted slotted beds before an agency can bill FFS for Drug Court clients.

Procedure to apply: Eligible and interested organizations may obtain the RFP and related materials from the Department of Human Services website at

<http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/providers/grants/rfprfi/>. Interested organizations

may also contact:

Helen Staton at:

Addiction Services

PO Box 362

Trenton, NJ 08625-0362

609-633-8781

Send one original proposal package and seven copies via United States Postal

Service to:

Helen Staton

Mental Health and Addiction Services

P.O. Box 362

Trenton, NJ 08625

OR

For UPS, FedEx, other courier service or hand delivery, please address to:

Helen Staton
Mental Health and Addiction Services
120 South Stockton Street, 3rd floor
Trenton, NJ 08611

Please note that if you send your application package through United States Postal Service two-day priority mail delivery to the P.O. Box, your package may not arrive in two days. In order to meet the deadline, please send your package earlier than two days before the deadline or use a private carrier's overnight delivery to street address.

Late proposals will not be reviewed. You will NOT be notified that your package has been received. If you require a telephone number for delivery, you may use (609) 633-8781.

Deadline by which all proposals must be submitted: Proposals must be submitted to and received at DMHAS by 5:00 P.M. on August 23, 2012.

Date by which applicants will be notified of intent to award or not award:

Applicants will be notified on or before September 28, 2012.

Jennifer Velez

Commissioner

Date